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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by **Chen et al (20030211859)**.

Regarding claim 1, Chen et al discloses a transceiver unit (base station 204, with transmit unit 268 and receive unit 254, see fig. 2, p. 2 [0025], p. 3, [0026]) for use with a wireless communication system (group communication system 100, see fig. 1, p. 2, [0017]), the transceiver unit comprising: a communication interface (base station controller, BSC 110, see fig. 1, p. 2, [0019]) to facilitate communication between the transceiver and an access network unit (group call server performs call initiations and interacts with the communication devices, see p. 2, [0019], p. 3, [0029]) over an undedicated public network (IP protocol network 108, see p. 2, [0019]).

Regarding claim 2, as applied to claim 1, Chen et al further discloses wherein the communication interface (base station controller, BSC 110, see fig. 1, p. 2, [0019]) comprises at least one protocol layer (BSC issues an internet group management protocol, IGMP to disconnect a multicast tree see p. 5-6, [0055]).

Regarding claim 3, as applied to claim 2, Chen et al further discloses wherein

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the at least one protocol layer maintains an IP address of the access network (the BSC binds each communicating device with the multicast IP-multicast address of a particular group call server).

Regarding **claim 4**, as applied to claim 2, Chen et al further discloses wherein the at least one protocol layer (transmitter data processor 264, see p. 2, [0026]) converts information (voice and/or packet data, see p. 2, [0026]) received from the access network unit (data source 262, see p. 2, [0026]) over the public network to RF signals (transmitter unit 268 converts voice and/or packet data to analog signals, see p. 3, [0026]) to be communicated by the transceiver over an air interface (voice and/or data is exchanged between base station 204 and mobile station 206 over via an air interface, see p. 2, [0022]).

Regarding **claim 5**, as applied to claim 2, Chen et al further discloses wherein at least one protocol layer converts RF signals (communication devices have IP connectivity with GCS 102, reverse link signal sent from mobile station 206 to base station 204, and base station receive data processor 58 recovers the voice/packet data, and the BSC sends media 622 received from a callers communication device to group call server, see p. 2, [0019], [0023]-[0025], p. 5, [0048]) received by the transceiver (base station 204, see fig. 2, p. 2, [0025]) over an air interface (air interface 208, see fig. 2, p. 2, [0022]) to information suitable for transmission over the public network (IP network 108, see fig. 1, p. 2, [0019]) to the access network controller (group call server 102, see fig. 1, p. 2, [0019]).

Regarding **claim 8**, as applied to claim 2, Chen et al further discloses wherein the at least one protocol layer (user datagram protocol, UDP see p. 2, [0020]) encapsulates higher protocol layer information (real-time protocol, RTP, see p. 2, [0020]) to facilitate protocol requirements over the public network.

Regarding **claim 9**, as applied to claim 2, Chen et al further discloses wherein at least one protocol layer comprises at least on technology dependent protocol layer (BSC issues an internet group management protocol, IGMP to disconnect a multicast tree see p. 5-6, [0055]).

Regarding **claim 10** as applied to claim 1, Chen et al further discloses wherein the public network comprises the internet (IP network 108, see fig. 1, p. 1, [0019]).

Regarding **claim 11**, as applied to claim 1, Chen et al further discloses wherein the transceiver unit comprising at least one antenna (antenna 250, see fig. 2, p. 2, [0025]) to facilitate communications between the receiver unit (base station 204, see fig. 2, p. 2, [0024]) and at least one portable communications device (mobile station 206, see fig. 2, p. 2, [0023]) over an air interface (mobile station 206 communicating with base station 204 over an air interface, see p. 2, [0022]).

Regarding **claim 17**, Chen et al further teaches a tangible medium (general purpose processor, DSP, ASIC, FPGA or programmable logic device, see p. 6, [0059]) having a software program (logic block, modules, and algorithm steps described can be implemented as computer software) for use in a wireless communication system (group communication system 100, see p. 2, [0017]), the software program comprising: at least one routine for facilitating communication of information (call set-up process, see fig. 6,

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p. 4, [0039]) over an undedicated public network (IP network 108, see fig. 1, p. 2, [0019]) between at least one transceiver unit (base station 204 with a transceiver and receiver unit, see fig. 2, p. 2, [0025]), which is adapted to communicate over an air interface with portable communications devices (voice and/or data is exchanged between base station 204 and mobile station 206 over via an air interface, see p. 2, [0022]), and an access network unit (group call server 102, see fig. 1, p. 2, [0017]), which is adapted to process information communicated with the as least one transceiver (mobile station 206 with transmit and receive unit, and call set-up process in which mobile station communication device sends a group call request 604 to group call server in order to set up a group call, see fig. 2 and fig. 6, p. 2, [0023], p. 4, [0039]).

Regarding **claim 18**, as applied to claim 17, Chen et al further discloses wherein the at least one routine facilitates communication information over the internet (communication devices 104 may have IP connectivity to group call server 102 through the IP network 108, see fig. 1, p. 2, [0019]).

Regarding **claim 19**, as applied to claim 17, Chen et al further discloses wherein the at least one routine comprises at least one protocol layer (session initiation protocol, SIP, see p. 2, [0020]) adapted to facilitate communication over the public network (communication devices 104 perform registration with group call server 108 using session initiation protocol, SIP, see p. 2, [0020]).

Regarding **claim 20**, Chen et al further discloses a method of producing an information packet in a wireless communication system, the method comprising the acts of: receiving information by a transceiver unit via an air interface (mobile station 206

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communicating with base station 204 over an air interface, see p. 2, [0022]); and processing the information to form an information packet (base station demodulator 256 processes received signal and processor 258 decodes the symbols to recover the data and messages, see fig. 2, p. 2, [0025]) suitable for transmission to an access network via an undedicated public network (BSC sends media 622 that it has received from communication device to group call server, see fig. 6, p. 5, [0048]).

Regarding **claim 21**, as applied to claim 20, Chen et al further discloses wherein the public network comprises the internet (IP protocol network 108, see p. 2, [0019]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Chen et al (20030211859)** in view of **Kowalski et al (6,631,410)**.

Regarding **claim 6**, as applied to claim 2, Chen et al discloses the claimed invention except wherein the at least one protocol layer provides security information to the network access unit to facilitate secure communication over the public network.

In the same field of endeavor, Kowalski et al teaches wherein the at least one protocol layer (a protocol that employs the MAC layer, see col. 5, lines 41-45) provides security information the network access unit (see col. 5, lines 5-15) to facilitate secure communication over the public network (security, see col. 5, lines 41-45).

It would therefore have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Kowalski et al into the system of Chen et al for the benefit of providing secure multimedia content to a network.

Regarding **claim 7**, as applied to claim 2, Chen et al discloses the claimed invention except wherein the at least one protocol layer negotiates quality of service for communications with the access network over the public network.

In the same field of endeavor Semper et al discloses wherein the at least one protocol layer (a protocol that employs the MAC layer, see col. 5, lines 41-45) negotiates quality of service for communications (QoS, see col. 5, lines 41-45) with the access network unit (see col. 5, lines 5-15) over the public network (see col. 5, lines 5-15, 41-45).

It would therefore have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Kowalski et al into the system of Chen et al for the benefit providing reliable broadcast applications to small office/home networks.

5. Claims 12, 13, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Chen et al (20030211859)** in view of **Eilers et al "Reradiation (Echo) Analysis of a Tapered Tower Section Supporting a Side-Mounted DTV Broadcast Antenna and Corresponding Azimuth Pattern"**.

Regarding **claim 12**, as applied to claim 11, Chen et al discloses the claimed invention except the transceiver unit comprising a structure on which the at least one antenna resides.

In the same field of endeavor, Eilers et al discloses the transceiver unit comprising a structure on which the at least one antenna resides (side-mounted antenna on a tower, see fig. 1, p. 249, paragraphs 2-3).

It would therefore have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Eilers et al into the system of Chen for the benefit of determining the azimuth pattern.

Regarding **claim 13**, as applied to claim 12, the combination of Chen et al and Eilers et al disclose the claimed invention (see claim 12).

Chen et al fails to disclose wherein the structure comprises a tower.

Eilers et al discloses wherein the structure comprises a tower resides (side-mounted antenna on a tower, see fig. 1, p. 249, paragraphs 2-3).

It would therefore have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to further modify the combination of Eilers et al and Chen by including wherein the structure comprises a tower for the benefit of determining the azimuth pattern.

Regarding **claim 14**, as applied to claim 12, the combination of Chen et al and Eilers et al disclose the claimed invention (see claim 12).

Chen et al fails to disclose wherein the structure comprises a building.

Eilers et al discloses wherein the structure comprises a tower resides (side-mounted antenna on a tower, see fig. 1, p. 249, paragraphs 2-3).

It would therefore have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to further modify the combination of Eilers et al and Chen by including wherein the structure comprises a building for the benefit of determining the azimuth pattern.

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6. Claims 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Chen et al (20030211859)** in view of **Ketonen (6,104,917)**.

Regarding **claim 15**, as applied to claim 1, Chen et al discloses the claimed invention except wherein the transceiver comprising a structure for housing the communication interface.

In the same field of endeavor, Ketonen discloses wherein the transceiver comprising a structure for housing the communication interface (base station transceiver circuitry are housed within a cabinet, see col. 3, lines 13-15).

It would therefore have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Ketonen into the system of Chen et al for the benefit of maintaining the temperature level of the radio circuitry.

Regarding **claim 16**, as applied to claim 15, Chen et al as modified by Ketonen disclose the claimed invention as applied (see claim 15).

Chen et al fails to disclose wherein the structure comprises a cabinet.

Ketonen discloses wherein the structure comprises a cabinet (base station transceiver circuitry are housed within a cabinet, see col. 3, lines 13-15).

It would therefore have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to further modify the combination of Ketonen and Chen et al by including wherein the structure comprises a cabinet for the benefit of maintaining the temperature level of the radio circuitry.

7. Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Chen et al (20030211859)** in view of **Onweller et al (6,931,102)**.

Regarding **claim 22**, as applied to claim 1, Chen et al discloses the claimed invention except wherein the transceiver is assigned an IP address to facilitate communications with the access network unit over the undedicated public network.

In the same field of endeavor, Onweller et al teaches wherein the transceiver (transceiver 66, see fig. 2, col. 7, line 36) is assigned an IP address (Unix server 80 assigns an IP address to transceiver 66, see col. 7, lines 36-37) to facilitate communications with the access network unit (hub 60, see fig. 2, col. 7, lines 1-6) over the undedicated public network (IP network 34, see fig. 2, col. 7, lines 1-7, 36-48).

It would therefore have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Onweller et al into the system of Chen et al for the benefit of providing communication between a wireless local area network and a central office.

Response to Arguments

8. Examiner acknowledges the affidavit concerning under C.F.R § 1.131.

Applicant's arguments filed 8/16/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding **claim 1**, the applicant asserts that Chen et al does not teach or suggest an "undedicated public network", and that the communication interface is designated to facilitate communications with individual communication devices and the group communication server, and not with the transceiver units. The applicant also asserts that Chen does not show or disclose the claimed access network unit. The Examiner respectfully disagrees. Examiner respectfully brings to attention of the

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applicant admitted language in the specification page 8, lines 20-22, wherein it is clearly explained that the "access network unit is coupled to the transceiver unit 14 via an undedicated public network such as the internet". Based on this information, the examiner maintains that the teaching of an IP network in Chen et al reads on the "undedicated public network" (see p.2, [0019]-[0020]).

Examiner asserts that Chen et al discloses base station controllers that facilitate communication between communication devices and a group call server, wherein the base station controllers communicate with the communication devices through a plurality of base stations with a transceiver, indicating communication interface facilitates communication the transceiver and an access network (see figs. 1 and 2, [0019]-[0022]). Furthermore, examiner respectfully brings to the attention of the applicant, the admitted language in the applicant's specification page 8, lines 22-24, and page 9, lines 1-5, wherein it is clearly explained that the access network unit provides call processing and connectivity to the various transceiver units via the public network. Based on this information, the examiner maintains that the teaching of a group call server to perform call initiations between a group of users in Chen et al reads on the "access network unit" (see p.2, [0019], p.3, [0028]).

Claim 17 stands rejected due to the response to argument of claim 1.

Regarding **claim 20**, the applicant asserts that Chen et al does not disclose the subject matter set forth in independent claim 20. The examiner respectfully disagrees. Chen et al discloses wherein the base station receives voice or packet data over an air interface from a mobile station (see fig. 2, p.2, [0022]), and wherein at the base station,

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a receiver unit filters, amplifies, down-convert and digitizes the received signal and provides samples, and a demodulator, controller, and receiver data processor decode and recover the data transmitted. The recovered data is then sent to the group call server (see figs. 1 and 2, p. 2, [0025], p. 5, [0048]). Therefore the examiner maintains the rejection based on the above explanation, which clearly details the similarities of "Chen et al" and the applicant's claimed invention.

Claims 1-22 stand rejected.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Yamamoto (20020038353) discloses a weather information delivery system and method thereof.

Bender et al (20020052204) discloses a method and apparatus for rapid assignment of a traffic channel in digital cellular communication systems.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olumide T. Ajibade-Akonai whose telephone number is 571-272-6496. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8.30p-5p.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha D. Banks-Harold can be reached on 571-272-7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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